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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The amendment after final filed 10/8/03 was not signed and, therefore, not entered. The IDS indicated to accompany the amendment was not present. The time period for filing an appeal brief as discussed below has expired.

In view of applicant's failure to file a brief within the time prescribed by 37 CFR 1.192(a), the appeal stands dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(c).

As a result of this dismissal, the application will be further processed by the examiner since it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.

Rejected claims 8, 9, 14 and 16 are cancelled.

Non-elected claims 6, 10-13, 15 and 17 are cancelled.

Allowed claims are 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 18-20.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Claire M. Kaufman, whose telephone number is (703) 305-5791. Dr. Kaufman can generally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached at (703) 308-6564. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 872-9306. NOTE: If applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by the applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

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**Suspension**

A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. Ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.